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Mr. David H. Murphy – Assistant Field Manager USDI – BLM Salt Lake Field Office 2370 South 2300 West Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

Feb. 23, 2007

Re: Expired UTU-72287 UTU-72297

Dear Mr. Murphy,

As you know, around the first of this month, I received word from your office that the Notices for both UTU-72287 and 72297 had expired as of Jan. 22, 2007. This letter is to inform you that we do wish to continue conducting quarrying related activities at both the subject sites, rather than reclaim them at this time.

As per our desire to resume activities at the subject sites at some point in the future, we have begun the work of preparing new and adequate Plans of Operation for each. As you know, there is substantial more involvement in this preparation than in that of a Notice. Additionally, I was out of town Feb. 8 - 18 while attending the annual Building Stone Institute of America convention. Also, I had questions about the actual preparation of the necessary Plans. I called Mike Ford for some advice. He kindly explained the situation to me and forwarded to my office a copy of the "suggested format for Plan of Operations..." Now I feel that I can confidently resume the Plan preparation for the subject sites. However, I am quite certain that I will fall short of the 30 day period extended to me for such Plan preparation. With regard to the Plan for the area of UTU-72287, (section 8, Fisher Creek) weather will be a factor in our ability to prepare a base map and site map, etc. Please consider extending these period deadlines. Please be assured that we have initiated the process, and will submit the drafts as quickly as they are completed.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

William L Bown